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Any two or more words you put in between quotation marks, will be searched as an “exact phrase” or an “exact title”.
Did you mean: evaluating democracy assistance?

Results 1 - 9 of 9 for "the taming of democracy assistance"

Sorted by: Relevance | Date

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The taming of democracy assistance / Sarah Sunn Bush
Bush, Sarah, 1982, author
BOOK | Cambridge University Press | 2015
Not Available at OFFSITE STORAGE (DUE 21-02-17) [see all]

All three of these other results are journal articles

The book title is likely listed in the bibliography of each article
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Lessons from Westeros: Gender and power in Game of Thrones

Clayton, William Shepherd, Laura J.


People learn about global politics not (solely or even mostly) from conventional teach... more
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Topics & keywords

**Topic**: How do non-state actors impact armed conflicts and civil wars?

**Key ideas**: non-state actors, armed conflict and civil wars
Nonstate actors are nonsovereign entities that exercise significant economic, political, or social power and influence at national, and in some cases international, levels.

The concept of the nonstate actor is not always positive, given the existence of many armed nonstate actors, for example, rebel opposition forces, militias and warlords, and terrorist organizations.

They operate without state control and are involved transnationally in activities against state actors. The prevalence of these groups in armed conflicts has added layers of complexity to traditional methods of conflict management and resolution.
Topics & keywords

Non-state actors
- Nonsovereign
- Rebel opposition forces
- Militias
- Warlords
- Terrorist organizations

Armed conflict
- War
- Civil war
- Insurgency
- Crisis
- Rebellion
- Unrest/clashes
"non-state actors" OR "Terroris*" AND "civil war"

When you put OR between 2 keywords, it tells the library catalogue or database that EITHER keyword MAY appear.

When you put AND between 2 keywords, it tells the library catalogue or database that BOTH keywords MUST appear.

When you put an * at the end of a keyword, you will find multiple endings for that keyword. For example: terroris* FINDS terrorist, terrorists, terrorism.
Avoid searching with non-essential words

- Effects
- Impact
- Consequences
- Influence
- Results
- Importance
- Significance
- Cause

Each author may use different linking words when discussing similar topics.

You don’t want your search to be limited to those books and articles that only contain the word “effect” or “consequence”.

Why Books?

1. Books have broader themes than journal articles, you can get a good overview of a topic from a book.

2. Books can provide additional keywords and subjects.

3. Books may be required in your assignments.
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Searching: Political Science Complete | Choose Databases

"non-state actors" and terroris*

AND "civil war" or war* or insurgenc*

AND "international relations"

Limit to Scholarly articles

Narrow your search by adding more subjects

Subject
- non-state actors (international relations) (30)
- terrorism (14)
- international relations (10)
- counterterrorism (8)
- insurgency (7)
- international security (7)

Show More
Nonstate Actors and the Diffusion of Innovations: The Case of Suicide Terrorism.

Length: scholarly articles are usually 15+ pages long

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The EU as a global counter-terrorism actor in the making.
*European Security* v. 21 no. 4 p. 357 Year: 20121201

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